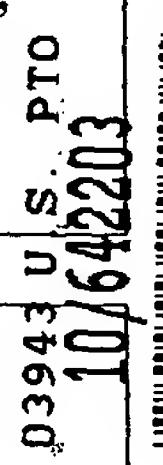


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| <p>Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:</p> <p align="center">NETWORK SYSTEM, SPANNING TREE CONFIGURATION METHOD AND CONFIGURATION PROGRAM, AND SPANNING TREE</p> | |
| <p>and invented by:</p> <p>Nobuyuki Enomoto Masaki Umayabashi Yuichi Hidaka Atsushi Iwata</p> <p>Assignee: NEC Corporation Assignee Residence: Tokyo, Japan</p> | |
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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
 - a. Formal Number of Sheets 31 Sheets (Figs. 1-35)
 - b. Informal Number of Sheets _____
4. Oath or Declaration
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy) Unexecuted
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
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 - d. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper
 - c. Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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18. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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